

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of the claims is provided below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A bottom assembly for a container used in the packaging of a wire coil, said bottom assembly comprising a bottom-most heading and an anchoring member mounted to said bottom-most heading, wherein said anchoring member is a unitary molded plastic member, said anchoring member being inserted through a hole of said bottom-most heading and having portions disposed at opposite sides of said bottom-most heading so as to entrap said bottom-most heading therebetween, said anchoring member further having a transverse anchoring portion constructed and disposed to anchor a hold-down system for container-received wire coil.
2. (Previously Presented) A bottom assembly according to claim 1, wherein said anchoring member is snap-mounted to said bottom-most heading.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) A bottom assembly according to claim 1, wherein said anchoring member comprises a plug having a generally cylindrical body provided with a laterally projecting flange portion and at least one resilient member, projecting laterally from said body and axially displaced from said flange portion, said plug being mounted to said bottom-most heading by insertion of said resilient member through said hole, said resilient member being

constructed to resiliently deform inwardly toward said body during insertion through said hole and to return toward an initial configuration after insertion such that said bottom-most heading is entrapped between said flange portion and resilient member.

5. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 4, wherein said plug has a plurality of said resilient members circumferentially spaced from each other.
6. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 4, wherein said at least one resilient member has a bevelled circumferential edge.
7. (Previously Presented) A bottom assembly according to claim 4, wherein said plug has a laterally projecting resilient member axially spaced from said at least one resilient member to facilitate mounting of said plug to said bottom-most heading.
8. (Previously Presented) A bottom assembly according to claim 4, wherein said flange portion and said at least one resilient member are disposed substantially at opposite first and second axial ends of said plug body, respectively, and said plug further includes an anchoring portion projecting axially from said second end and having an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.
9. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 8, wherein said hold-down system includes an elastic loop member secured to said opening of said anchoring portion.

10. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 9, wherein said elastic loop member is secured to said opening by a tie passing through said opening and said elastic loop member.

11. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 1, wherein said anchoring portion of said anchoring member is formed with an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

12. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 11, wherein said hold-down system includes an elastic loop member secured to said opening of said anchoring portion.

13. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 9, wherein said elastic loop member is secured to said opening by a tie passing through said opening and said elastic loop member.

14. (Previously Presented) A bottom assembly according to claim 12, wherein said bottom-most heading is formed of pasteboard.

15. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 4, wherein said plug body is at least partially hollowed out.

16. (Currently Amended) A bottom assembly for a container used in packaging a wire coil, said bottom assembly comprising a bottom-most heading having a hole, and an anchoring member mounted to said bottom-most heading and cooperating with said hole such that a transverse anchoring portion of said anchoring member is disposed to anchor a hold-down

system for a container-received wire coil, wherein said anchoring member is a unitary molded plastic member.

17. (Previously Presented) A bottom assembly according to claim 16, wherein said anchoring member is inserted in said hole and has portions disposed at opposite sides of said bottom-most heading so as to entrap said bottom-most heading therebetween.

18. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 16, wherein said anchoring portion has an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

19. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 18, wherein said hold-down system includes an elastic loop member secured to said opening of said anchoring portion.

20. (Original) A bottom assembly according to claim 19, wherein said elastic loop is secured to said opening by a member passing through said opening and said elastic loop.

21. (Cancelled)

22-23. (previously cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) An anchoring assembly, comprising an anchoring member adapted to be mounted to a container drum bottom heading and an elastic loop member secured to said

anchoring member by a tie passing through said elastic loop member, wherein said tie is a cable tie having a ratchet-type closure mechanism.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A bottom assembly according to claim 16, wherein said bottom-most heading is a unitary plastic molded member.

27. (Previously Presented) A bottom assembly according to claim 1, wherein said bottom-most heading is unitary.

28. (Currently Amended) A container for the packaging of wire coil comprising: a container body; and a bottom assembly disposed at a bottom of said container body, said bottom assembly comprising a bottom-most heading and an anchoring member mounted to said bottom-most heading, said anchoring member being inserted through a hole of said bottom-most heading and having portions disposed at opposite sides of said bottom-most heading so as to entrap said bottom-most heading therebetween, said anchoring member further having a transverse anchoring portion constructed and disposed to anchor a hold-down system for container-received wire coil, wherein said anchoring portion of said anchoring member is formed with an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

29. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 28, wherein said anchoring member comprises a plug having a generally cylindrical body provided with a laterally

projecting flange portion and at least one resilient member, projecting laterally from said body and axially displaced from said flange portion, said plug being mounted to said bottom-most heading by insertion of said resilient member through said hole, said resilient member being constructed to resiliently deform inwardly toward said body during insertion through said hole and to return toward an initial configuration after insertion such that said bottom-most heading is entrapped between said flange portion and resilient member.

30. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 29, wherein said plug has a plurality of said resilient members circumferentially spaced from each other.

31. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 29, wherein said at least one resilient member has a bevelled circumferential edge.

32. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 29, wherein said plug has a laterally projecting resilient member axially spaced from said at least one resilient member to facilitate mounting of said plug to said bottom-most heading.

33. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 29, wherein said flange portion and said at least one resilient member are disposed substantially at opposite first and second axial ends of said plug body, respectively, and said plug further includes an anchoring portion projecting axially from said second end and having an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

34. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 33, wherein said hold-down system includes an elastic loop member secured to said opening of said anchoring portion.

35. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 34, wherein said elastic loop member is secured to said opening by a tie passing through said opening and said elastic loop member.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) A container according to claim 36 28, wherein said hold-down system includes an elastic loop member secured to said opening of said anchoring portion.

38. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 34, wherein said elastic loop member is secured to said opening by a tie passing through said opening and said elastic loop member.

39. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 37, wherein said bottom-most heading is formed of pasteboard.

40. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 29, wherein said plug body is at least partially hollowed out.